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Head Lake to host powerboat race event

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

There will be lots of speed and power on the waters of Head Lake this summer during the inaugural Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races on Aug. 22 and 23.

Organizers of the event met with Dysart et al council at their Jan. 26 meeting to discuss logistics and seek permission for the races, which would include a variety of boat models.

The event is being spearheaded by Barb Hammond, who made a delegation with Jim Hunter, vice-president of the Toronto Outboard Racing Club, and Jason Famme, a racer himself.

The delegates said they had already booked Head Lake as the site for the event and acquired a main sponsor in Haliburton RPM.

Reeve Murray Fearrey told councillors that the event had been on the municipality's radar since last August.

The event would be hosted by TORC and include a proposed 3/4 mile oval racing course on Head Lake.

A clock and judges stand would be set up on the shores of the lake (past the

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A song of winter

The Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble sings for the local production crew from Sticks and Stones, who were shooting footage for the upcoming OSGA Ontario 55+ Winter Games from Feb. 17 to 19 in Haliburton on Tuesday, Jan. 20 on Head Lake in Haliburton. The footage will include the lighting of a cauldron and Canadian Olympian Kurt Browning. Several hundred athletes from across the province will be competing in several events in Haliburton and the surrounding area. More on page 2.

Darren Lum /Staff

Students rally around departing vice-principal

JENN WATT

Editor

Local high school students are protesting following news that their vice-principal Gord Wood has been transferred to Ridgewood Public School in Cobocok.

An event organized on Facebook to rally students quickly attracted more than 300 members last Thursday afternoon and

dozens of messages of indignation from students and community members upset that Wood would no longer be a presence at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"Mr. Wood [was] one of the best teachers my kids ever had. He is compassionate and caring and deserves the utmost respect. This is so wrong!" one parent wrote.

It was a common sentiment.

A few students questioned what the circumstances were surrounding the transfer, since Wood only just began his tenure at HHSS this fall.

"There's been an administrative transfer, which is not uncommon mid-year," said Trillium Lakelands District School board spokeswoman Catherine Shedden. "We actually have several of them going

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on around the board."

Shedden said "lots of different things go into making a decision like this including the needs of all the different schools in our board."

A staff member at the school who asked not to be named said she hoped community members would join the students in any protest action they chose.

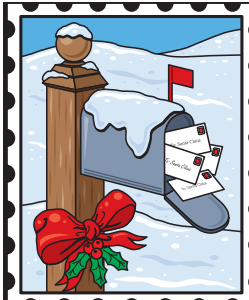
"Somehow these students need to get their parents and other adults on board

so that this voice is not just of our kids but our community," she said.

Shedden said the decision was final and Wood would be starting at Ridge-wood in the new semester starting Feb. 2.

In an email to the *Echo*, Wood confirmed he was being transferred and said he was touched by the student response.

"I am honoured by the support that the students and their families have shown," he wrote.



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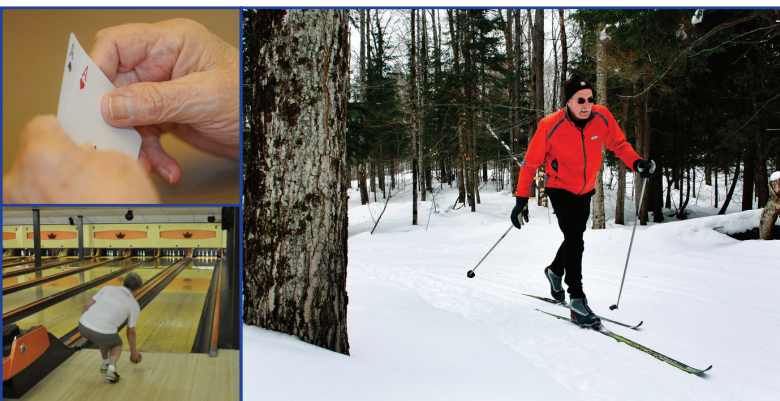
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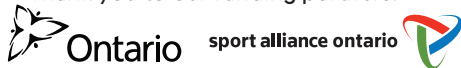


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Goofin' around

Canadian Olympic figure skater Kurt Browning jokes around between shots from the Sticks and Stones crew who were shooting footage for the upcoming OSGA Ontario 55+ Winter Games from Feb. 17 to 19 in Haliburton on Tuesday, Jan. 20 on Head Lake. The footage will include the Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble and the lighting of a cauldron. Several hundred athletes from across the province will be competing in several events in Haliburton and the surrounding area.

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Event gets support from council

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town dock), as well as a proposed hot pit area near the main parking lot.

Hammond said the event would include local racers and that organizers are looking to acquire about 20 sponsorships.

The event is sanctioned by the Canadian Boating Association and similar events are held annually in Gravenhurst and other communities.

In total the event will include about 70 racers, who will be competing on Aug. 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On the Friday there will be a chance for the public to meet and greet the racers.

"Typically there is no prize money," said Hammond.

Owner of the Fort Irwin Cottage and Garden Centre, Hammond said her store would sponsor trophies for first, second and third place.

The Haliburton and District Lions Club has agreed to do the food for the event and organizers have received a letter of support from the Haliburton Business Improvement Area.

When asked how the race course was going to be sectioned off from the regular boat traffic on the lake, Hammond said a pontoon boat would be located at the bridge, along with other boats marking the course and signage.

Hammond said the organizers were seeking financial support from council, as it costs about \$8,000 to host this event.

One of the big expenses is having EMS on site, which is done through a private service provider out of Barrie, said Famme.

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I think we're ready to rumble.

— Reeve Murray Fearrey

Hammond said she has been looking into the cost of renting outhouses for the weekend, as the park does not have adequate washrooms for the event.

Typically thousands of people watch the races throughout the course of the weekend, said Hunter and Famme, based on past events in other communities.

"This is a spectator sport," said Fearrey. Organizers said they considered Haliburton as a venue for the boat races as it provided a perfect set-up for spectators and lake conditions.

Admission for the event is free.

The site is subject to insurance approval, which would name the municipality as a third party.

"There is no reason we would be denied coverage for this," said Famme.

Councillor Susan Norcross asked if there had ever been any safety issues in the past, to which Famme replied no.

"I think we're ready to rumble," said Fearrey.

Council passed a resolution supporting the event and deferred the funding request to budget deliberations.

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Rec dept seeks ideas and volunteers for programs

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Swimming, tennis and geocaching.

Dysart recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller has many ideas for getting people active but is still seeking more suggestions and participants.

On Jan. 20 Mueller facilitated a public information session to gather some of those ideas and feedback on recreation programs being offered in the community during the past year and a half.

Hired on full-time by Dysart et al at the end of last year, Mueller was initially hired through a grant from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Since assuming her role, Mueller has introduced a number of try-it activities, such as stand up paddleboarding, Ugly Sweater Run, walking groups, leisure fairs and more.

An equipment loan program was also set-up at the Dysart public library branch.

More than 20 people attended one of the two public meetings last week, to offer insight into recreation opportunities in the municipality.

Mueller said going forward she is looking for ideas that might help secure future grants, which she is in the process of applying for.

"I'm looking at branching out to outlying communities," said the recreation co-ordinator, adding she is particularly interested in programs for West Guilford, Eagle Lake and Harcourt.

Some of the ideas that were raised included offering tennis lessons at Head Lake Park, swimming lessons at Pine Lake and partnering with organizations such as YMCA Camp Wanakita for winter equipment rentals.

Local yoga instructor Lynda Shadbolt suggested the municipality look for younger volunteers to help facilitate programs, as a way to attract more youth to the recreation activities.

Haliburton Highlands Arts Council chairwoman Chris Lynd suggested Mueller look into crowdfunding as a way to fund a future project or program.

The rec co-ordinator said she would like to add geocaching as a try-it activity and perhaps partner with the Highlands East GeoTour that is currently in the works.



In December Andrea Mueller, far left, was hired on full-time as the municipal recreation co-ordinator, with plans to bring new programs and projects to the area.

Another initiative Mueller is investigating is collecting donated ice fishing rods to add to the loan program at the library.

The topic of social media was raised, as a tool that should be used for promotion and youth engagement.

Mueller said she is in the process of setting up Twitter and Instagram accounts for the rec department, which will offer more visual images and info for the public.

One request that is coming from youth and kids is a pick-up basketball program, said Mueller.

The co-ordinator is also hoping to make some improvements to the skate park in Haliburton Village to attract more users.

Shadbolt reiterated that much of what Mueller's job entailed was to build a sense of community, regardless of the activity.

"I think a big part of your job ... is the continuous education of the importance of being active," said Shadbolt.

Since stepping into the role of rec co-ordinator, Mueller has had many suc-

cesses, including an indoor walking group which takes place every Tuesday at the A.J. LaRue arena.

While some of the programs are geared towards children, such as the ball hockey league offered last summer, others are aimed at adults.

"One of the moms that took part in some of the programming in the park last year said she forgot what it was like to play," said Mueller. "It's remembering that we as adults need to get out there too and be active."

This summer there will be free bicycles available for use at the Haliburton Highlands Museum and soon there will be skates at the concession stand in the A.J. LaRue arena, which can be borrowed at a very low-cost. Helmets, however, will not be provided.

Pamela Marsales wondered if there were existing programs that offered babysitting for younger children or activities for moms as well.

While such a program is not yet avail-

able from the municipality, Mueller said she has already partnered with Point in Time and could look into opportunities with SIRCH community services and the local health unit.

Dysart Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts reiterated that a main part of Mueller's position was about promoting the area as a great place where you can stay active.

"There's lots of people that don't even know what we have," said Roberts. "Get people to walk in Glebe Park and use the spaces and places ... structure is good but the ultimate goal is getting people active on their own ... we're just planting the seed."

A recreation advisory committee is in the process of being established, with interested members of the public encouraged to contact Mueller. The first meeting will take place in February.

Mueller can be reached by email at amueller@dysartetal.ca.

Local man arrested after fleeing from police on snowmobile

A 31 year old man from Dysart et al is facing multiple snowmobile offences after he fled from the OPP last Saturday night.

On Saturday Jan. 24 at approximately 10:50 p.m., OPP officers observed a motorized snow vehicle being operated at a high rate of speed in the downtown core of Haliburton Village.

The snowmobile had no lights and failed to stop at a stop sign.

Emergency lights were activated on the police cruiser to signal the snowmobile to stop. The snowmobile failed to stop and continued travelling up Mountain Street

at a high rate of speed.

Due to public safety concerns the emergency lights were deactivated and the OPP stopped following the snowmobile.

Police continued to patrol the area and the snowmobile was once again located on Cowan Road.

The officer activated his emergency lights but the driver of the snowmobile failed to stop and fled a second time.

The officers were able to follow the snowmobile tracks to Ridgeview Road where it had left the road onto an unmaintained trail.

Officers entered the trail on foot to search the immediate area. Police located the snowmobile on the trail and attempted to flag down the snowmobile but it accelerated towards the officers who were forced to jump out of the way to avoid being struck.

The snowmobile proceeded approximately 25 meters past the officers before the driver lost control and struck a tree. The driver attempted to flee on foot but police were able to successfully arrest the driver.

Upon speaking with the driver, police

noted he had been drinking alcohol. A roadside test was completed and the driver registered a warn range reading.

As a result of the investigation, the driver was served with a three day driver's licence suspension and charged with the following: dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight while pursued by an officer, fail to comply with recognizance, driving with no insurance and driving a motorized snow vehicle with no permit.

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 4 to answer to the charges.

Submitted by the OPP

Bringing mental health into the light

Trillium Lakelands District School Board developing initiatives to promote wellness

JENN WATT

Editor

Mental health problems are as real as physical ones; they can be debilitating, aggravating, isolating. They can also be treated and accepted.

But unlike many physical conditions, mood disorders and other mental health problems can't be seen from the outside making them harder to notice and acknowledge.

"To me, that's horrible," says 17-year-old Arianne Gervais, a Grade 12 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. "It's just like a physical ailment, but you can't see it. I want to try to make that change so people know it's just as important as a physical ailment and it needs to be treated that way."

Arianne has struggled with anxiety and depression throughout her high school career. After the shock of being diagnosed wore off, she got treatment and this year decided to take what she had learned about the ordeal to her peers.

For her independent study unit in English class, she gave a presentation about mental illness and discussed her personal journey for the first time in a public way.

Arianne says speaking about herself has been difficult, but thinks it's necessary.

"I don't like talking about myself; it's a vulnerable spot [to be in]. The way I'm seeing it is if no one talks about it, it's never going to change."

The school board's manager of mental health and student wellbeing agrees.

Cheryl Roffe is relatively new to Trillium Lakelands District School Board, but has been in the mental health field for the last 15 years and says substantial progress has already been made.

"We're talking so much more now [about mental health]," she says.

Roffe oversees a wide range of programs designed to address acute mental health problems and to promote general mental wellness.

"Every board in the province now has a mental health leader," she says. "And this is all part of a combined ministry initiative in order to increase pathways to care for our students."

Much of the work being done is getting teachers and staff at the schools to feel comfortable helping students – and each other – out with mental health.

There is also considerable work being done with community partners, such as Point in Time in Haliburton.

The board has layers of staff and programming addressing the gamut of issues. There are two mental health addictions nurses (provided by CCAC), student service attendance counsellors, guidance counsellors, plus Point in Time workers including one youth therapist who has a special office in the school.

"About three years ago, the province came up with some new funding for children's mental health and that funding included funding for some counsellors in the school," says Point in Time executive director Marg Cox.

Counsellors can be seen privately at the school or off site to protect privacy.

"What we offer is counselling and our staff have been really well trained in the latest evidence-based interventions like cognitive behavioural therapy, which is one of the best ... interventions for people who are suffering from anxiety or depression."

According to a report from the Mental Health Commission of Canada released last week, mood disorders are being reported more frequently among young people.

"In 2012, a larger percentage of youth reported that they had received a diagnosis of an anxiety disorder and/or mood disorder than was the case in previous years. The rate of seven per cent in the most recent survey was significantly higher than rates in 2003 (4.6 per cent) and 2005 (4.7 per cent)," the report reads.

"While it might be concluded that these disorders are on the rise in youth, increasing rates may also reflect better detection and diagnosis by health care professionals, particularly family doctors who would see the large majority of such individuals."

Arianne says she would like to see a more holistic approach to mental health taken in the schools. While people mostly try to be supportive, she says many of them just don't know enough about anxiety and depression to be helpful, sometimes telling her to get over it or



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Arianne Gervais, 17, says more could be done to fight stigma and support those with mental health issues at school.

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People do a lot better when they are surrounded by loving, caring people in accepting communities.

— Marg Cox

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— Arianne Gervais

that it's not that bad.

She also wants people to recognize that mood disorders don't define the person – they are something that person is coping with.

Better education about mental health could go a long way to fighting stigma, she says, pointing to the strong school campaigns around substance abuse and drinking and driving as examples.

"If they were to do that with mental health and promoting wellbeing ... if they were to import that into their [public] speakers, into their presentations, into whatever they want to present then there would be much more of an effect than what they are doing now," she says.

Roffe says the board is in the early stages of doing just that.

One project she is working on alongside two other staff at the board – Dave Lyons and Heather Truscott – is called Feed All Four.

A mixture of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and the medicine wheel the model suggests to be a healthy person, you need to pay attention to physical, emotional, spiritual and mental wellness.

"The idea behind it is if you're not feeding the four domains, you're not in the best place of health," she says.

"The idea behind this model is the curriculum is the vehicle to get this learning out to students."

Feed All Four is new and is being presented to school staff.

This is just one piece of a complex web of programs, initiatives, curriculum and training going on at TLDSB and in the province.

Roffe practically bursts with enthusiasm talking about the possibilities and the changes that are underway including putting students on the Mental Health Steering Committee for the board and the program called Mind

Up, which teaches children about how our brains work physically and how to gain better control over mood.

She is quick to note, however, that stigma in schools and society around mental health is still very real and requires constant attention.

It is the elimination of stigma and generating a culture of acceptance that will go a long way to improving mental health, Cox says.

"Seldom in life is counselling or treatment the answer in and of itself. People do a lot better when they are surrounded by loving, caring people in accepting communities," she says.

Cox notes that those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community often face additional challenges with the acceptance piece.

"The other area we are concerned about as an agency: some groups are at higher risk than others. Teens that may identify as LGBTQ can be at a greater risk than some other students because of how much society accepts them."

She says that is why creating welcoming, supportive communities can be so important in generating an environment for wellness.

Many of the programs Roffe is working on won't be fully implemented before Arianne has graduated high school.

But the teen's focus is broader than HHSS. She intends to take what she's learned with her to whatever college she chooses next year, hopeful she can help others.

"I want to have it so people, friends, family, if they need to go somewhere to talk, they can. ... I'm also hoping ... to have areas where people who feel like they're suffering can go and mingle so they realize they're not alone."

Tourism director sheds light on county promotion

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County tourism director Amanda Virtanen is bridging the gap between the Highlands and the elusive tourist.

The marketing professional, who has worked with the likes of Nintendo, spoke to a large group of women for the Canadian Federation of University Women's monthly talk series at Fleming College on Thursday, Jan. 15 about what she has accomplished and her plans to draw more people to the county.

Virtanen, who started as the director in 2013, said through research the core visitors she is marketing to is middle aged from 35 to 54, college/university educated and has an income in the low six figures. She calls them "Karen and Jake."

They are interested, she adds, in outdoor adventure, arts/culture, they like to volunteer, use social media and seek new and different experiences.

"I look at the county as three main buckets. There's an arts and culture bucket. There's an outdoor adventure bucket and there's a food bucket," she said.

Although her attention is mostly paid to Karen and Jake, there are residual benefits, as positive word of mouth will extend to Karen and Jake's friends and family.

In addressing the habits of the people we are trying to attract, the marketing includes using social media and a new tourism video recently produced by local production company Positive Media, which is on YouTube.

Virtanen said the video is not finalized and may have changes.

This year the county will be using the marketing campaign Unwind Local, which is featured in the new video. She calls it a fun message and ties it in with promoting the message of doing things locally.

Through Facebook alone, she said, the county has reached more than two million people.

When she posts something she says anywhere from 3,000 to 75,000 people typically see it.

"It's a fantastic way to get the word out," she said.

She said anyone doubting the power of social media should consider that 80 per cent of Canadians are online and spend an average of 17.2 hours a week online. Each person in Canada spends one hour daily watching online

videos.

Virtanen said the county received a vote of confidence from the Municipal Social Media Survey – a survey of municipalities measuring social media reach, produced by Redbrick Communications.

Of 440 municipalities in Ontario to examine the most liked and the most liked per capita, Haliburton County made it to third as the most liked and the sixth most liked per capita. This survey started four years ago and the county has never made the list before, she said.

She considered this an achievement considering how short of a time the county has fully engaged in using social media in marketing the Highlands.

In the past year the tourism office interior has been transformed and has added the clothing line produced by Roots, a new brand was developed and the county became the first in the world to have a logo (#MyHaliburtonHighlands) to include a hashtag, signage around town has been improved, including partnerships with local organizations.

She said Ottawa has recently used a logo that incorporates a hashtag.

Including the hashtag with the brand gives visitors an opportunity to brag about their stay here, giving them the opportunity to exercise their pride that visitors want to have.

Virtanen said the Roots clothing line is an example of how quality and good memories trump price, as the top seller at the tourism office is the Roots hoodie costing close to \$100.

The area of promoting food in the Highlands is in development.

Last year, the county hired Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance to create something similar to the taste trail in Prince Edward County, which will showcase the local food options available.

Organized by the CFUW, this speaking event is part of an ongoing monthly series of guest speakers. The next guest speakers for the series is Susan Rollinson and Dr. Barbara Varty, a doctor based in the Village of Haliburton, who will present The Thin Red Line: Women dealing with anorexia nervosa and self abuse on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. at Fleming College in Haliburton.

Although the series does not include a speaker for March, Carol Moffatt will be the following speaker on April 16 at 7 p.m. when she presents May I have this Dance: Women in Politics at Fleming College in Haliburton.

Community Builders

Ken Mott

JENN WATT

Editor

For almost a decade, emergency food has been available in the Wilberforce area thanks in large part to Ken Mott.

The manager of the Wilberforce Food Bank, Mott has been responsible for keeping the doors open and food on the shelves – and providing it all with a friendly smile.

"I get personal satisfaction seeing a smile on somebody's face when they come in. We talk to them, too. It's not like they just come in and get a food box," he says.

It was the community spirit of the organization that first got Mott interested in helping out.

"I had a heart attack when I was [working] out of town and I had to have a bypass," he explains.

"When I was in the hospital, the two ladies [from Word of Life] put together a food box and brought it to my house so when I got home there was lots of food there."

After he recovered and his doctor advised him not to return to work, Mott decided the best place to use his time would be with the very organization that had helped him during his time of need.

At that time, Word of Life was run by Clara Burt and Chris Foster-London. Foster-London is still involved, working out of Highland Grove where there is a clothing depot that funds the food bank.

Over the years, the food bank has had many incarnations. At its busiest it was part of the Word of Life store on Loop Road, serving about 60 to 70 people a month. When they had to vacate that building, food was stored in a private basement and then in a storage unit.

Users and donations dropped substantially.

Temporarily, the food bank is now housed in the old

library building on Loop Road and will soon be relocating to a new space on the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce after construction this spring.

Since moving to the more visible location, usage is up to about 45 people a month.

"We've gotten more donations than we've ever had just in the few months we've been here because we're exposed here," Mott says. "People see the sign."

Still, donations are low and more could be used.

Once the new space is functional – it is going to be a food hub with space for a community kitchen – new volunteers will be needed.

To volunteer or to access the food bank, call Mott at 705-935-1959 or email k_mott@hotmail.com.



Ken Mott has been manager at the Wilberforce Food Bank for nearly a decade. Temporarily located in the former library branch on Loop Road in Wilberforce, the facility serves about 45 people every month. **Jenn Watt Staff**



Haliburton County tourism director Amanda Virtanen watches a part of her power-point presentation during her presentation to Canadian Federation University Women members at the non-profit organization's monthly talk series at Fleming College on Thursday, Jan. 15. Virtanen showcased an early version of the tourism video, which features the Unwind Local, to draw tourists. See a version of the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MWuqT7bPTE. / **Darren Lum Staff**

Organizers encourage the public to hear published author Kathleen Conlan present Research on Pollution and Animal Recolonization at 7 p.m. on May 21 at Fleming College.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Lessons in wellness

TRILLIUM LAKELANDS District School Board is doing good work around mental health – and doing more now than ever before.

There are designated counsellors in the schools, partnerships with children's services organizations and comprehensive training.

The board is integrating mental wellness into its curriculum and training staff in holistic approaches to good overall health.

Speaking with Cheryl Roffe, the manager of mental health and student wellbeing for TLDSB, it's obvious that the board is taking mental wellness seriously;

not only are there strong supports for those in need, there are also techniques being taught to students of all ages on how to stay healthy.

Point in Time, which has a designated counsellor in the high school and runs several important programs promoting good mental health, likewise is trying new initiatives. One of the most exciting is something called Mindfulness Martial Arts, which combines physical health (self-defence techniques) with mindfulness meditation.

Seen as a list of programs, our schools seem to be bastions of peace and harmony.

Of course, that's not so.

A student at the high school, Ariane Gervais, told the paper there is still considerable stigma and not enough education on mental health.

Mood disorders and mental illness remain issues that are commonly hidden, deterring young people from seeking help.

A report released by the Mental Health Commission of Canada last

week says that incidents of anxiety and depression in young people in this country are going up.

In 2012, seven per cent of youth had received a diagnosis of anxiety or mood disorder, up from 4.7 per cent in 2005.

"Anxiety and mood disorders are among the most common mental health conditions in children and youth and can negatively affect social and academic functioning," the report says.

The report concedes that the increase could be coming from better detection practices on the part of health professionals, but the fact remains

we have a rising demand for mental health services from our young people.

Many of Ariane's ideas about what would make the school experience better are in the early stages right now.

The 17-year-old advocates an integrated approach where mental health is taken into account every step of the way. (She also has a great idea for a lounge area where students can have a coffee and chat in an informal setting about what's bothering them.)

These are exactly the kinds of suggestions we need to see in our schools and community.

By making health (mental, physical, spiritual and emotional) part of all classes rather than just phys. ed., schools increase personal wellness and understanding of others' situations, which could reduce stigma.

As Point in Time executive director Marg Cox pointed out, counsellors are essential, but nothing goes farther than a supportive society.

echo editorial

Jenn Watt



Pine Lake

by Darren Lum

Write grammatical

EARLIER THIS MONTH, the county's tourism director unveiled the department's new marketing campaign – Unwind Local – which is spreading its message through a series of sharply produced promotional videos.

While the reception has been largely positive, there has been some criticism of the slogan and that criticism is not without warrant.

"Unwind local" is a grammatically abhorrent phrase. An offence to word nerds everywhere. It's a cat-actylism of conjugation.

It's like saying, "think methodical," or "write grammatical."

As one tourism committee member pointed out seconds after the big unveil, to be correct, the phrase should be, "unwind locally."

Of course, it's not that the county's tourism director doesn't know how to write. The campaign is meant to capitalize on and coalesce with the "local" trend sweeping consumer palettes.

Eat local. Shop local. The trend is a revolt against decades dominated by corporate mass production of goods and is manifesting itself in many ways, including the proliferation of farmers' markets and microbreweries all over the place, including here in Haliburton County.

On the whole, the trend is positive – who doesn't want to know where their food is coming from? – although worshipping at the "local" altar can lend itself to a sort of entitlement, the idea

that, if presented with two products, the consumer should always choose the one that is more "local," regardless of that product's quality or integrity.

But I digress.

"Unwind local" is a play on the "eat local" and "shop local" trends and is meant to ride that wave to increased visitation to the county.

While the syntax may be sinful, the reasoning behind it is quite smart.

It comes down to a question of whether the ends justify the grammatically terrible means.

It's clear that for members of council, they do.

At the tourism committee meeting, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who has been heard correcting people's grammar on multiple occasions, called the trend "unfortunate," but added, "it is modern and you just have to go with that."

Others won't be so forgiving.

A local grammatical purist who once edited copy for this newspaper took to Twitter with his displeasure.

"I can't express how grammatically ugly 'Unwind Local' is," he wrote, adding that the county, "should be ashamed for allowing it."

It's resoundingly unlikely that the grammatically devout are going to be converted.

One's stance on Unwind Local comes down to whether one thinks the result is worth the poor grammar.

It's certainly cause for one to think reflective.



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points of view

The fine art of waiting

AS I WRITE THIS, I am waiting – not for inspiration, writing ability or a Zombie apocalypse that would provide me with a good excuse not to finish this column. No, I am waiting for a fly rod.

This is no big deal really, and I'll hardly mention it to any of my buddies at the Welcome Home party or accompanying parade. Likewise, I probably will only give it a page or two on the many Facebook, Twitter or Instagram posts that might – unintentionally – hint at this miraculous event.

You see I'm trying to keep it low key. My better half is helping too. That's why she has already vetoed the idea of me placing my "It's a four-weight!" sign on the front lawn. I'm guessing it's the balloons she disapproves of. Oh, and the celebratory fireworks too.

Who knows?

All I know is that at times like these, all an expectant sportsman can do is wait. You'd think this would be easy for us since a full 99 per cent of hunting and fishing is comprised of waiting. We wait for the fishing and hunting seasons to begin. We wait for our hunting or fishing buddies to finally get into the truck. We wait for the ducks to decoy, the grouse to



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Loon Tales

flush, the weather to co-operate, the dogs to find game, the deer to show, the sun to rise and set, the trout to feed, the hatch to begin, and we wait for the entire drive to all these places. Then we wait for the weekends and the free time that's required for the aforementioned waiting.

As outdoorsmen and women, we wait for virtually everything.

Yet, sitting patiently for a new fly rod or firearm to arrive is a different story altogether. It makes all those other waits pale by comparison.

Don't get me wrong; on the outside I probably seem to have the patience of Job. After all, I have only emailed the manufacturer 13 times. I only check in with the post office twice a day. And every night there is only one – OK two – special prayers dedicated to the quick and safe arrival of my little bundle of joy.

On the plus side, I have not yet sacrificed a lamb or burnt any offerings. Although, if that fly rod does not arrive by next week, I will be buying mint jelly and building an altar.

The point here is this I'm not sure I can handle the wait. I'm not good at this kind of waiting.

That's quite an admission from a guy who once spent two solid weeks on the same deer watch before getting a fleeting glimpse of the deer he was after.

This is different though. It's like Christmas and the opening day of duck season all rolled up into one.

You see a new fly rod holds promises, however false, of improved casting, greater skill and more trout brought to next. And a promise of these things is all any angler needs.

In the mean time, I need to cope with the wait.

I'll try to apply as much patience to this exercise as I do to those days when the fish are biting and I have to attend a wedding or some other less important event.

It's not going to be easy though.

The best way to deal with this is probably to utilize some of the mental techniques I utilize in the field to make that time pass more quickly.

When I deer hunt, I occupy those long waiting hours with diversions like watching red squirrels, chickadees or grouse putter by. So perhaps I'll try a mental diversion to make things easier. That makes good sense.

I was thinking of going to a nearby restaurant with a great book to while away a few hours between emailing the company and checking the mail.

I'm an outdoorsman. I have patience. I can exercise it.

And, you know, if the service didn't take so long, I'd probably do that too.



pic of the past

Boys and their tents at Camp Calumet line the shore of Boshkung in this 1938 postcard submitted by Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong.

letters to the editor

Two wrongs don't make a right

The following letter was submitted to the paper after being sent to Algonquin Highlands Reeve and chairwoman of the county's tourism committee Carol Moffatt.

Dear Carol,

I just tweeted that "Unwind Local" is the most grammatically ugly phrase I've come across since "Shop Local." I read in the *Echo* that you stated that this is "an unfortunate trend" but that the county must capitalize on the trend. Not at all. Two wrongs don't make the third one right. Whether ungrammatical, it is linguistically ungainly and awkward reading and sounding. I suspect it is virtually meaningless as well.

The *Echo* story notes that it is the culmination of a number of "un" words — unmatched, unparalleled. These are fine. The problem here is that these are adjectives, descriptors whereas "unwind" is a verb, a call to action. They don't go

together at all.

I seriously question whether "shop local" and "eat local" have established themselves with the public so deeply that we must follow the same example. Rather, I would suggest that, instead of just taking the easy route to devising a theme, Ms. Virtanen take a fresh look at the goals and develop a phrase that really expresses something meaningful for the county.

A final note that damns the theme as it stands is that it could be used by any recreational area. Muskoka (they wouldn't dream of saying anything so bumpkin-like), Georgian Bay, and so on.

"Unwind local" fits right in with people who say "youse," "Lay down, Jimmy," and "real good."

As I said on Twitter: it tells the world we're hicks.

Yours sincerely,
Jack Bush

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HHSS artists featured in exhibition

NATE SMELLE

Special to the Echo

On Jan. 7 the Michal Manson Memorial High School exhibition returned to the Art Gallery of Bancroft for the 24th year. The annual exhibition showcases the artwork of young up and coming artists from three high schools in the area. Students from North Hastings High School in Bancroft, Madawaska Valley District High School in Barry's Bay and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School each submitted 10 to 15 pieces per school for selection for the exhibition. The student exhibition was renamed in honour of artist and gallery committee member Michal Manson in February 2010 after her death.

The opening reception was held on Saturday, Jan. 10, bringing out artists and art lovers of all ages, with many of the artists featured in the show in attendance. Don and Victoria Koppin of Don Koppin Contracting sponsored the exhibition, while Bancroft artist Allan O'Marra acted as juror. With a tremendous amount of talent on display in the exhibition O'Marra had the difficult task of evaluating and critiquing each artist's work before delivering this year's list of winners.

The award for best photograph went to Katelyn Craig for her photograph *Red Tube*. Katelyn also received an honorable mention for her photo *Dew on a Tulip*. The award for best painting in show was given to Naomi Russell for her piece *Heart of the Sea*. Artist Jacob Mountney also received an honorable mention for his piece *Music Head*. The best drawing in show for 2015 was awarded to artist Victoria Archibald for her ink on paper triptych entitled *Three Trees*. Artist Beth Foster's ink on paper drawing *Happy New Year* also received an honorable mention. A special mention also went out to: Shae MacNaull's intaglio print *Titanic*, Ciani Biasini's painting *Fierce Animal* and Cassandra Luckasavitch's block print *The Keys to Life*. The winner of the Special Juror's award for 2015 went to artist Samantha Douglas for her drawing

titled *Arctic Soul*. For this honour Douglas will receive a private one-on-one lesson with O'Marra.

Alexandra Yake has been creating art for as long as she can remember. Last year her piece *Property of Society* was awarded best 3-D art in the high school exhibition at the gallery.

"I don't usually work in charcoal," Yake said. "I usually work in pencil or with coloured pencils, but I wanted to try something new with this piece."

"I was inspired to create it [painting *Angelina*] after watching the film *Maleficent*. After seeing the movie, I started looking up photos of Angelina Jolie and found one that I really liked because it highlighted her facial structure."

As a special addition to this year's show, the artwork of local artist Shannon Schutt returned to the gallery walls. Schutt said she was grateful to have her work back on display in her hometown. A long-time volunteer with the gallery, she considers the support and friendships she has attained through the gallery as instrumental in her personal evolution as an artist.

"I would suggest that every young artist spend as much time as they can in their own community," said Schutt.

"Not only will this help them grow as an artist, but it will give them valuable experience for their future endeavours. Shows such as the Michal Manson Memorial annual high school exhibition are out there to act as a launch board for these young artists."

Interested in art for as long as she can remember, Schutt knew from a young age that she was a creative person because she always felt the need to make things.

"I'm inspired by the people I interact with; the beauty that can be seen in every individual. My family and friends are also very inspiring, every kind word helps to nudge a young artist forward."

In 2013 she continued her affiliation with the AGB as a volunteer administrative assistant. This experience, she explained, helped her to obtain work as



From right, Shannon Schutt, Cassandra Luckasavitch, Naomi Russell, Alexandra Yake and Noelle Dupret-Smith.

Nate Smelle /Special to the Echo

an administrative classroom assistant at the Sir Sandford Fleming College Haliburton School of the Arts where she is currently studying. Recently completing her diploma in visual and creative arts, she is about to begin studying the ancient art of blacksmithing.

For Schutt, art does not just have to be about creating paintings, drawings and sculptures, it is also about community.

"Art helps to build a sense of community in the way that we get to celebrate each other's creativity, learn from one

another, and take pride in one another's abilities," said Schutt.

"Such as the pride that was shown when Bancroft was voted Ontario's Most Talented Town. Bancroft fosters a welcoming atmosphere for those that are artistically inclined. We have many artistic venues and events that showcase the wares of these creatively minded people and bring us all together as a community."

The Michal Manson Memorial exhibition is on display at the gallery until Jan. 31.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student artist Alexandra Yake explains what inspired her to create this charcoal drawing of Angelina Jolie featured in this year's Michal Manson Memorial high school exhibition.

Nate Smelle /Special to the Echo

A grammatical disgrace

Dear County Tourism Committee Members,

I was dismayed by the article in yesterday's *Echo* telling us of the promotional video that is being made. I wasn't dismayed by the idea of the video itself, as that's a great idea. The problem is the use of the phrase "Unwind Local."

It's hard to believe that this can really portray the county in a favourable light. It's a grammatical disgrace. The article makes reference to the fact that it's ungrammatical, but that you're prepared to let that go because this use of the language is a trend. If something is a trend but it's not a good trend, does that mean you still go with it? As my mother used to say, if everyone is going to jump off the bridge, are you just going to

follow along?

Why not start a new trend and be trend-setters? Come up with something that portrays Haliburton County in the best possible light. I've read that you're trying to attract people for upscale culinary experiences. How are they going to react to a slogan that is distinctly downscale, that makes us sound like we're local yokels?

I understand from the article that the video that the committee viewed was a draft and that changes can be made. I beg you to seriously reconsider the use of this phrase. Make Haliburton County somewhere that people are attracted to, not put off by.

Elaine Bell
Haliburton



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Dixon memoir about more than rock 'n' roll

Book launch planned for Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

JENN WATT

Editor

In the foreword of Carl Dixon's new memoir, *A Strange Way to Live*, fellow rocker Lawrence Gowan writes: "If I were to attempt to distill the essence of Carl's story, it would come down to the simple yet complex phrase: *keep going*."

Much of Dixon's life has involved stops and starts, crisis situations and incredible highs and through it all he says he has focused on the future.

It was following one of the most traumatic periods of his life that Dixon, a musician known best for his work with rock 'n' roll groups Coney Hatch, April Wine and The Guess Who, decided it was time to start writing his book.

A devastating car crash in Australia in 2008 nearly took his life and left him in the hospital coping with massive serious injuries.

"I began the process [of writing the book] after my ridiculous car crash in 2008 left me uncertain of what options lay ahead of me in my future; whether I'd be fit to perform again, travel again, sing, play, do the splits," Dixon says. "I'm not doing the splits now, but I never did them anyway."

While the accident gave him motivation to get his story written, much of the 264-page volume is about his ups and downs in the music industry and the formative years that got him there – some of them in Haliburton.

Dixon had musical talent from the beginning, but was also athletic and a serious student. His family moved around a lot while he was growing up, giving young Carl many musical opportunities over the years. At age 18 just out of high school he joined his first band with other students called Boots (later called Alvin Shoes). "We had no idea about anything except learning our favourite songs," he writes in the book, "an example of the sort of job we'd get in those days was to play for the Barrie Dog Show for \$100. By the third song people ran from various points

of the park to scream at us to 'Stop, stop! The dogs are all freaking out!' Critics."

Dixon would end up a long way from the dog show. By 1981, he was part of rock 'n' roll group Coney Hatch recording an album with Kim Mitchell.

A Strange Way to Live chronicles his time in the world of stadium concerts, travel and all-nighters, though Dixon was known for being relatively strait-laced while his fellow musicians had a wilder time with drugs and alcohol.

There were also slow times when work was scarce. At one point, Dixon found himself working as a barista.

"I learned a lot about coffee beans and the roasting process and where the varieties come from," he says. "I didn't see it as my long-range future. I thought I'm going to learn this while I'm here and give it my best."

His first marriage had dissolved and he found himself with little money in a bare apartment with a cat. It was at that point, he writes in the book, he decided to set his will aside and let the universe take over.

"At that moment, surrendering to the universe, when I felt, OK, my career could be at an end here," he says. "I don't know what comes next, but I know that I did everything within my power to get the result I wanted. If it's just not going to happen with my best efforts, then I have to accept that and figure out what else do I do with my life."

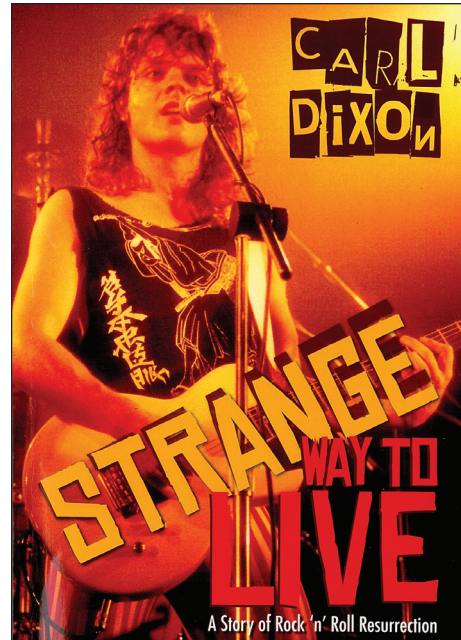
It wasn't long after that introspective moment that he was offered a position songwriting for Almo-Irving Music in New York.

Dixon's story is full of hills and valleys like that.

The most recent and visceral, he says in an interview with the Echo, was in the last two years. During that time his long-time marriage fell apart and later a new romance blossomed.

"The hardest thing to overcome was the setback in my personal life in the last couple of years where everything changed much to my surprise and my shock," he says.

He found himself thinking he might



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— Carl Dixon

never find love again.

But much like his other moments of crisis in his life, a new opportunity came along at just the right time.

In this case by the name of Helen Parker.

"The morning of the day I met her I had just returned from England and I had written a note ... to myself that I expect to be lonely and sad for a long time to come. Twelve hours later I met her."

The couple is now engaged.

Dixon says of his varied career – which now includes public speaking – the most

rewarding thing is the sense of satisfaction.

"I have a platform from the things I've done and I have experiences and abilities at this stage to present to people from that platform," he says.

Dixon will be speaking about lessons learned, telling life stories and reading from his book with a Q&A with Mike Jaycock on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Admission is \$5 with profits going to the food bank. Books will be for sale at the event and also at Master's Bookstore in Haliburton.



Having a hot flash

Minden's Country Hot Flashes' Linda Robertson on guitar sings for a large crowd at the Country Music Show concert on Saturday, Jan 17 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. This concert included special guests from Gravenhurst Peggy Waters, Gary Waters and Dorothy Hillman. The band also includes Biff Rider on bass, Gerald Vanhalteren on guitar and vocalist Wendy Connelly. Their keyboardist Doris Robertson was absent.

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Radio station personalities to take polar bear challenge

ANGELICA BLENICH
Staff Reporter

Maggie Harris has taken the polar bear plunge once before in her lifetime, although it wasn't intentional.

A volunteer at radio station Canoe FM, Harris was out ice fishing nearly a decade ago and accidentally went through the ice with her husband while trying to move her fishing hut.

Although Harris nearly died, that hasn't stopped her from signing up to go back into the frigid water, however this time it's for a good cause.

On Feb. 14 Harris and Moose FM host Rick Lowes will both be taking the Polar Bear Challenge, an annual fundraiser organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club.

Now in its third year, the event takes place in Head Lake Park in conjunction with the Haliburton Frost Festival, a free full-day family event in the park.

This year participants can raise money for the Sick Kids Eye Project or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Palliative Care campaign.

While Harris is looking forward to taking a dip in the freezing waters of Head Lake in a full out chicken suit, Lowes himself is feeling a little bit like a chicken even though he doesn't have a suit.

"We're coming together to raise as much money as possible," said Lowes. "However I'm a reluctant participant."

Lowes was convinced to do the challenge from HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, who coaxed the DJ into the polar bear dip while the two were live on-air.

"I said you've got to be crazy to do that," he said. "Kind of off guard I said maybe if \$1,000 was raised in my name [I would do it]."

As of last week just over \$600 had been raised in Lowes's name for the fundraiser, bringing the radio host to the realization he may be going into the water come Feb. 14.

Lowes has also been getting significant support from radio colleague Autumn Smith, who has been using her air time to drive up the pledges, he said.

Harris feels like she knows what to expect when it comes to icy water from the time she went in with her snowmobile, which lasted about 30 minutes, she said.

"This time I'm prepared," she joked.

Harris is hoping to raise as much money as possible and as of last week had collected about \$600 as well. If Lowes is unable to hit \$1,000 Harris has offered to give him some of her pledges.

"It's all going to the same place," she said.

Initially the Lions Club chose the Sick Kids eye project as a recipient due to an ongoing commitment Lions Club International has to projects supporting the blind, said club member Jim Frost.

"The first year Jim got an email from a cottager in Toronto whoes daughter had been treated at Sick Kids hospital for eye related things," said Marilyn Frost.

"He phoned me and said I got to tell you why I'm doing this ... and he came up and did it," said Jim.

Since starting the local polar bear challenge, the club has raised nearly \$16,000.

Club members Jim and Marilyn find the event much more entertaining than

Maggie Harris, second from left, and Rick Lowes, second from right, are taking the plunge for the third annual Polar Bear Challenge, organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club on Feb. 14. Lions Marilyn Frost and Jim Frost are encouraging everyone to participate or pledge money to a plunger.



their usual fundraisers, which include an annual toll bridge and community barbecues.

The challenge will be hosted by MCs Mike Jaycock and Lorraine McNeil.

"I'm terrified," said Lowes.

"Rick, I think we'll go in hand in hand," said Harris.

Interested participants can pick-up a pledge form from Haliburton Foodland, Cranberry Cottage, the West Guilford Shopping Centre, Canoe FM, Moose FM and Todd's Independent Grocer. A liability waiver must be signed by all participants.

Registration for the polar bear challenge takes place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the

Lions Club barbecue tent near the band-shell. Pledges are accepted right up until the day of the event and all \$20 donations or more are eligible for a tax receipt.

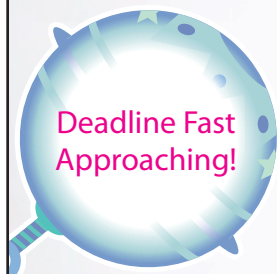
There will be male and female change sheds on site, donated by Haliburton Lumber.

The event will start at 1 p.m. and members of the Haliburton fire department and Algonquin Highlands fire department, as well as emergency services, will be on the scene.

For more information call Jim at 705-457-4031 or email haliburtonlions@gmail.com.

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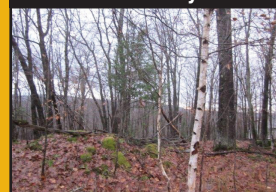
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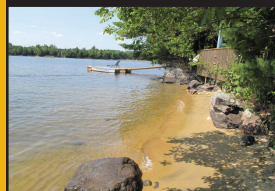
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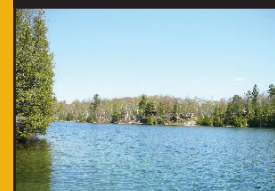
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The Haliburton Curling Club president Rick Ashall, centre, presented the Haliburton Lumber Trophy to A event winners Connor Duhaime, far left, Todd Johnston, Owen Duhaime and Tyler Warham on Sunday, Jan. 18 at the Skyline Men's Invitational Bonspiel.
Submitted by Wayne Hussey



The Skyline Men's Invitational Bonspiel B event winners from left, Gord Edney, left back, Trevor Meyers, Bob Reynolds and Greg Reaburn received the Curry Chevrolet Buick Trophy from Bob Johnston, front centre. There were 80 curlers who competed at the 56th annual event from Jan. 16 to 18 at the Haliburton Curling Club.



C event winners from left, Rick Ashall, Dave Moss, John Smillie and Moe Welch, received the Walker's Home Hardware Trophy from Jerry Walker.



Art Dawson, left, presented the Dawson Trophy to the D event Skyline Men's Invitational Bonspiel winners from Lindsay Brent Colliver, Chris Colliver, Jesse Colliver and Steve Colliver.

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Celebrating Scottish culture

Everyone was in the Highlands spirit on Saturday night at the Haliburton Legion for Robbie Burns night, put on by the Highlanders Pipes and Drums on Jan. 24. There was dancing, singing, food – a whole lot of tartan – and laughter throughout the evening.

Photos by Jenn Watt



Anabelle Wanless-Craig dances with her dad Terry Craig during a fun group dance.



Above, Annabelle Cloutier Austin chooses her steps carefully during the sword dance.



Left, Bev MacDonald has a wonderful time dancing.



Above, young Highland dancers from left, Jeralyn MacRae, Lacey MacDonald-Moore and Billie MacDonald-Moore entertain the crowd. Three dance schools were involved with the evening: Cambridge Highland Dancers, Collins School of Dance and Mansfield Highland Dancers.

Left, Andrew Mansfield pipes in Highland dancers Emma Stephens, in white, and Sara Day.



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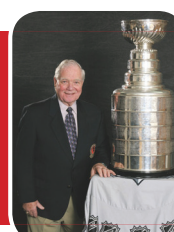
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Girls storm into playoffs at top of Eastern Loop

The following are Highland Storm briefs

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls captured and secured first place in the Eastern Loop of the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League for their league play-offs. The Storm finished their regular season with a stellar record of 18 wins, one loss and four ties. Great effort girls! The Storm wrapped up their regular season on the weekend with a win and a tie as they moved into their league play-offs and provincial playdowns. On Saturday, they travelled to Oakwood to take on the aggressive Lindsay Lynx in an afternoon tilt. The Storm jumped out to an early 1-0 lead with a beautiful dangle by Alicia McLean. McLean added her second of the game in the second period to add to the lead. The Storm continued their pressure, creating scoring chances off of solid puck movement, which resulted in two more unanswered goals from Erin Little and Erica Carmount. The Storm's goalie Connor Marsden stopped all Lynx shooters in securing the 4-0 shutout win ... her ninth shutout of the season. On Sunday, in Minden, the Storm hosted the Northumberland Wild in their last regular season game. Being short-staffed the Storm played a solid effort, moving the puck and generated many scoring chances. In a battle between goaltenders, both clubs tried to break the scoreless tie to gain a momentum advantage. Neither team could find the twine and the game

ended in a 0-0 tie. Awesome finish to the regular season girls ... great puck movement to create scoring chances, solid "D" to control the tempo of the game and outstanding goaltending (Marsden's tenth shut-out in the season) to carry us into the post season. Keep up the determined efforts girls ... moving our feet, sharing the puck, creating scoring chances and playing aggressively to take on the challenges thrown at us. We'll need to keep the focus as we await our first round play-off and provincial playdown opponents.

Submitted by Dan Marsden.

Peewees dominate Shamrocks

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team challenged the Parry Sound Shamrocks in their first OMHA playoff game on Saturday resulting in a shut-out for goalie Ethan Glecoff and a 9-0 victory for the team.

It was quite apparent to the spectators that the Storm meant business right from the first seconds of the game. Coaches and players knew that the game could be tricky with Joe Boice and Alex Little out of the lineup due to illness. But the boys stepped on to the ice on fire and they didn't look back scoring six unanswered goals in the first period alone! The boys slowed things down in the second with just one more goal and ended the third with two more to bring the score up to nine. Fantastic teamwork by everyone! Goals scored by Isaac Little (3), Zach Morissette (2), Braeden Robinson, Nigel Smith, Tyson Clements and James Alexander. Assists by Ryan Hall, Cole Prentice, Braeden Robinson, Isaac Little, Benn MacNaull, Paul Turner and Aaron Bellefleur. Way to work together boys and move mountains! The boys will travel to Parry Sound this Friday night for game two. Come cheer them to victory in game three this Saturday at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden at 2:30. Let's go Storm!

Submitted by Jennifer Little

Storm tie up series

It's the playoffs! The RM Carpentry Atom A Highland Storm's first round opponents are the Parry Sound Shamrocks, whom the Storm manhandled all season, decisively winning our last three encounters. The Shams were out for some payback.

Game one: Right from the opening faceoff, something was off. The Storm was not raging. The score remained 0-0 after one period, but 80 per cent off the action had been in the Storm end with the Storm's tender Mad-dock keeping his team in the game. But the long drive on a Friday night, after a long day at school proved too much for the Storm and the Shams prevailed 3-0, taking the first of this best of five series. The Storm players and coaches had a lot to think about on their long drive home on a dark and stormy night.

Game two: After a day off, the Storm was ready to host the Shams, and get down to business. In the first period, "Boom Boom" Tidey opened the scoring, burying a feed from Phippen. Soon after, the Storm intensified, with a pretty play close in. Phippen to Vargas to Phippen, back and forth across the crease, and Phippen's second point on the Storm's second goal. Before the end of the period, Phippen would walk out from behind the net, slide the puck across the crease, forcing the goalie to step sideways and open the five-hole. Another goal for Phippen.

In the second, the Storm would add one more from the Phippen - "Boom Boom" connection. Tidey with a beautiful pass across the Sham zone to Phippen with a high and tight shot from the top of the circle. 4-0 after two periods, which saw a total Storm team effort, great forechecking from Winder, Robinson and Upton, stellar defence from captain Glecoff, Hutchingson, Smith and Mills, including "shut the door" goaltending from Mad-dock.

But the Storm had to make it interesting for the fans. In the third, the Shams poured it on and managed three goals to bring the score within one. With a minute and a half to go, and an empty Sham net, they pressed with six players to the Storm's five, but the Storm refused to yield and took game two, 4-3, in a contest highlighted with four points from Phippen (three goals and one assist) on what would prove to be a dark and stormy afternoon for the Shams.

Submitted by Jason Glecoff



Hockey with heart

The team from Churko Electric (in white) took on Whitby Physio during the 17th annual Haliburton County Home Builders' Association hockey tournament at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Jan. 24. The tournament, which ran Jan. 23 to Jan. 25, benefitted the community's food banks.

Chad Ingram Staff

Bantam As win first playoff series

The Bantam A Storm met with the Oro Thunder for game two and lost 3-2 in overtime. It was extremely entertaining as Oro stepped up their game and surprised the Storm. Storm got on the scoreboard early in the first, with a goal by Cooper. Oro tied it up on a power play. A hard shot from Garbutt, fed by Flood, found the opening while short handed. That gave Storm the lead in the second period. The Thunder came out strong in the third, making it 2-2 and sending the game into overtime.

The Storm was ready for Oro and game three last Friday, winning 5-2 and taking a 2-1 lead in the series. After a scoreless first period, Manning started the scoring with a sweet spin-around goal, assisted by Patterson-Smith. Minutes later in the second, Walker took a shot that was tipped by Lucas Haedicke to Flood, who snapped it in. Next goal came off a face-off, which was started by a pass by Schmidt to Patterson-Smith, ending the second 3-1. The Storm came out flying in the third, with Manning getting two more goals and a well-earned hat trick, which was assisted by Patterson-Smith.

The Storm was pumped for the win last Saturday. They wiped out the Thunder 4-2, moving on to the next round of the playoffs against the Penetang Flames. Flood started the scoring early. It didn't take long for Oro to tie it up and take the lead. It was a battle in the second period with Storm down by a goal. With less than a minute to go in the second, the opportunity came while on a power play. Cooper capitalized on a pass by Flood, making it 2-2. It was an exciting third period as the teams continued to work hard. Manning gave the Storm the go ahead goal, unassisted. Cooper finished things off with an empty net goal.

Congrats to the entire Bantam A team, a special mention to Smolen, who was solid in net the entire series. The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

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Left, Jim Cius sent in this photo of a northern shrike that had pounced on a vole underneath his bird feeder.

Right, Linda Heeps sent in this photo of a deer visiting her home near Haliburton. "Look who dropped in for dinner," she writes.



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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Congratulations to the Storm Peewee A team on their MPS success. In particular, good work, Joe Boice and dad, assistant coach Barry Boice.

Congratulations to Greg Crofts on his participation in the wrestling team tournament on his fourth place. Visitors to our place over the past week while Carl was in hospital included Beth and Paul Zuwala, Alan Cooper and Shirley Rapson. Lots of support too, from cousins, Pat and her brother, Ron Smyth. Thanks, everyone. The list is long. Consider yourselves very much appreciated.
Euchre on Jan. 20:
High - Kay Morrison and Ray Campbell
Low - Diane Madonick and Marty Madonick
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, February 11th, 2015
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2014-027 – McFadyen
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a two storey private garage/private cabin on a property located in the WR3L zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30(c) to permit a two storey private garage/private cabin to have a minimum street setback of 3 metres (10 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
 - Location: Part Lots 8 & 9, Concession 4 in the geographic Township of Havelock (Paddy's Bay, Kennis Lake – Minnow Drive).
2. D13-MV-2015-001 – Merrill Barry Company Ltd.
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the applicants to sever their lot, which is located in the RU1L zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 9.2 to permit a lot which is zoned RU1L to have a minimum lot area of 15.8 hectares (39 acres) as opposed to the required 20 hectares (49.42 acres).
 - Location: Part Lot 3, Concession 3 in the geographic Township of Havelock (Kennis River – Kennis Lake Road).
 - This application is a condition of application for consent H-071/2012.
3. D13-MV-2015-002 – Merrill Barry Company Ltd.
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 - Location: Part Lot 3 & 4, Concession 3 in the geographic Township of Havelock (Kennis River – Kennis Lake Road).
 - This application is a condition of application for consent H-071/2012.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
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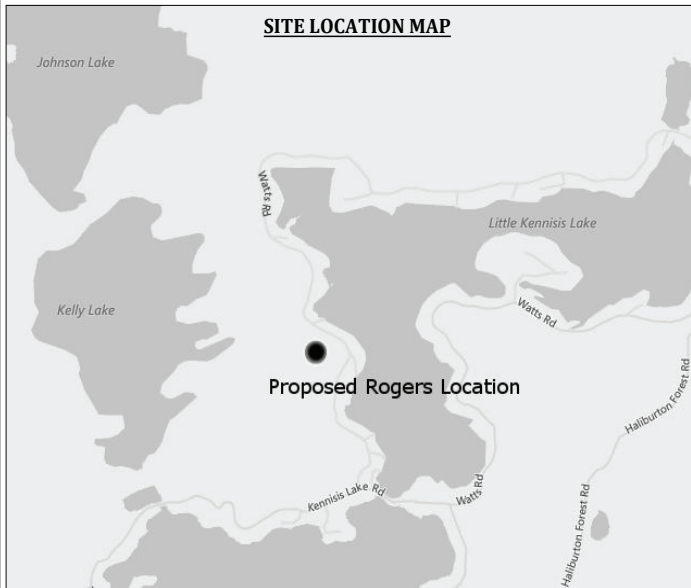
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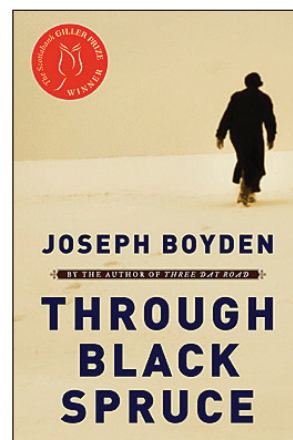
landscape where survival is teetering on the precipice. Then you are thrust into the concrete jungle of New York City where the contrasts in lifestyle couldn't be sharper. Two narratives are seamlessly intertwined as the story unfolds from Will Bird's hospital bed as well as from his granddaughter Anne's recollections as she desperately awaits his recovery. Boyden's storytelling is potent and

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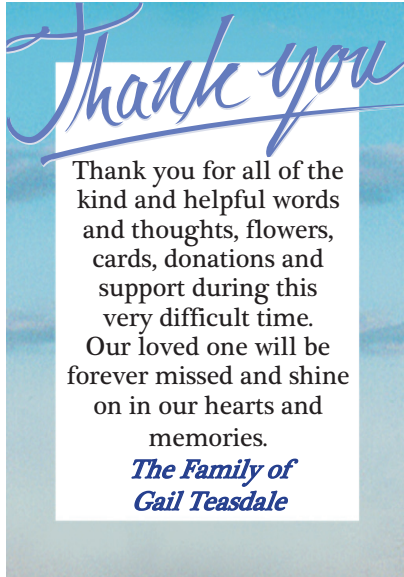
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Whether it be donations in her memory, card, flowers or food your gestures of support will never be forgotten.

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CARDER Jeanine Carol

*Passed away at the Mill Creek Care Centre in Barrie
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Jeanine (Hurling) in her 85th year was the beloved wife of Rev. Raymond Carder of Barrie. Dear mother of Mark of Barrie, David of Barrie and Catharine Carder of Langley, B.C.

Friends called at the Innisfil Funeral Home (7910 Yonge St. Innisfil) on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. Service was in the chapel on Thursday January 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Interment St. Paul's Cemetery on Friday January 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

As an expression of sympathy memorial donations may be made to the Camp Koinonia (Parry Sound) or to the Wycliffe College University of Toronto. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.innisfilfuneralhome.ca



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